

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/824,825

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/21/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/14/2005
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-11 in the reply filed on 12/21/2006 is acknowledged.

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawing contain numerous handwritten lines and numbering. Also figures 1 and 6 contain a typed text of font, which is too small to be read. Further Applicant's file contains two figure 10s as well as two figures 8 and 9, none of which are labeled as a "replacement drawing" the first set being received on 04/15/2004 the second on 07/26/2004 in response to 37 CFR 1.84 and 1.124 objection.

Applicant's are reminded any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additionally

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replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action.

The correction will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Szabela (U.S. Pat. No. 4,902,964) teaches a system and method for detecting a frequency event (see Fig. 2) in an electrical delivery system (power lines connected to load) that provides power to an electrical appliance (load), the system comprising: means (see step 51 reference time alternatively see item 24 in Fig. 1) for measuring a time period of each power line cycle of a power source; means for comparing (item 25) the measured time period to a trigger period (trigger condition step 67), if a cycle time period is greater than or equal to the trigger period, an under frequency counter is incremented (step 66). Szabela does not teach when the cycle time period is less than the trigger period, the under frequency counter is decremented; At least this further limitation to claims 1 and 8 are not taught or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Patel (U.S. Pat. No. 5,319,296) teaches a control system for frequency event detection (Fig. 2 and col. 2 line 50 – col. 3 line 30) to maintain a frequency of a control surface within a window utilizing an increment and decrement scheme. Kasai et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,635,214) teaches a fault detection system for measuring and comparing the time and occurrence of a fault condition such as a under frequency event, Chen et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,558,911) teaches a device for switching and control due to a frequency abnormality.

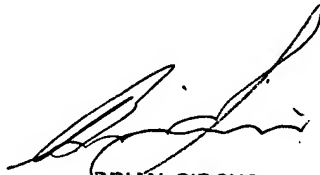
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Rutland-Wallis whose telephone number is 571-272-5921. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Sircus can be reached on 571-272-2058. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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